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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, DECEMBER 22.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 77; Min. 69. Weather, fair.

SUGAR—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.625c; Per Ton, \$72.50. 88 Analysis Beets 2 1/4d; Per Ton, \$75.20.

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HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AT WASHINGTON

The Bond Issue—Mr. Hatch Takes a House—Kuhio Busy—Ship Subsidy Bill.

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—All the arrangements for the issuance of more Hawaiian bonds are complete. The necessary papers have been signed and are in a big bunch at the Interior Department, together with a long statement from the Territorial authorities as to what the issue of bonds is for. Secretary Atkinson has been over in New York all the week and probably has already communicated to Honolulu from there any important moves he has been making with reference to the sale of the securities. He talked this morning over the long distance telephone with an official at the Interior Department, stating that he expected to be in Washington this (Saturday) evening.

The letter of Secretary Shaw to Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock is possibly the most interesting of all the documents. It is dated December 2, has just been made public, and reads as follows: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the first instant, suggesting the advisability of accepting as security for public deposits the third issue of Hawaiian bonds amounting to \$750,000 at 3 1/2 per cent. to be dated January 2, 1906, which was approved by the President on the 28th ultimo and to inform you that the department will accept these bonds as security for public deposits on a basis of 90 per cent. of their par value, whenever further deposits may be made and that such bonds may, at any time, be substituted for United States bonds now held as security for public deposits on condition that the United States bonds released be used as security for additional bank note circulation."

The understanding at the Interior Department is that Secretary Atkinson has made entirely satisfactory arrangements for the sale of the bonds of this third issue and that that part of his errand to the mainland is as good as completed.

Judge Hatch has been busy this week preparing for his winter's work. He has been diligently renewing acquaintances with his old friends but has outlined no program yet or taken up any specific tasks of importance because of the early stage of the session and his brief residence here. Today he moved from the Willard Hotel, where he has been living since coming to Washington, and is installed with his family at a residence on I street, near Sixteenth.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus F. Knudsen, of Honolulu, and Mr. E. A. Knudsen, of Kauai, are registered at the Arlington Hotel. Many friends in Washington have called there to see them.

The Ship Subsidy bill, which contains a large subsidy for the Oceanic line, whose ships touch at Honolulu, as well as subsidies for other Pacific lines, will probably be before the Senate before this letter reaches Hawaii. The bill will be succeeded as much as possible in the Senate and there is talk about it passing in that body. Probably that is very doubtful. But there are powerful influences behind the bill and the approval of the measure by the Senate would give it a better status hereafter.

The death of Senator Mitchell and the resignation of Senator Burton, of Kansas, from the committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, will ensure Hawaii having some new senators to consider measures in behalf of the Territory which go before the Senate. The Committee on Committees is making up the lists but it is not fully decided yet

what the membership will be. As both Senators Mitchell and Burton were on that committee there will be at least two new Republican Senators to take their places.

Delegate Kalaniana'ole has been looking around the departments this week and getting ready for the work of the session. He was very lucky in the drawing of seats the first day of the session, being one of the first ten names called. He chose the old seat of Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, and when Mr. Dalzell had very bad luck, his name not being called till one of the last, the Delegate yielded his seat to the Pennsylvania and himself went over to an obscure corner of the hall.

The annual report of the Commandant of Marines has the following paragraphs:

Honolulu, Hawaii.—The marines at Honolulu are now temporarily quartered in a coal shed which the Bureau of Equipment, Navy Department, has, under date of August 11, 1905, informed these headquarters will be required in the near future for the storage of coal. Provision must therefore be made for a marine barracks at said station, and to that end \$30,000 for its erection has been incorporated in the estimates, and a further sum of \$12,000 for the construction of officers' quarters.

Island of Guam.—The sum of \$14,000 is included in the estimates for construction work at this post, it being the unexpended balance of the appropriation of \$18,500 which was made available in the deficiency appropriation act approved March 3, 1903, for repairs and improvements of barracks, quarters, and storehouses at said station. The necessity for the reappropriation of this money is due to the fact that the Comptroller of the Treasury decided on February 7, 1905, that this amount was not now available because it was placed in the digest of appropriations as available during the years 1903-4. This money is necessary to make the required repairs and improvements to the barracks, quarters, etc.

THE OUTLOOK IN CONGRESS.

Old stagers in congressional life will long look back to the first week of the Fifty-ninth Congress. It started off with a snap. The leaders were crowding on steam both in the Senate and the House. The first body enacted no legislation of note, but its committees, although uncompleted because not reorganized, have been working. The rate bill, foremost in consideration at the Capitol, has been the subject of almost daily deliberation, with the leaders busy trying to arrange a compromise bill. The House in passing the Panama canal appropriation bill, disposed of a troublesome subject for the present, but not without considerable friction. Generally at the beginning of a Congress, the House moves along with great harmony, especially within the ranks of the dominant party. Most of the trouble over the Panama bill grew out of the Republican opposition.

The Senate was not altogether as quiet and harmonious as it is usually at the beginning of a session. The agitation over the rate question has been apparent there and the prospects of trouble with the Panama canal bill became apparent early. The nomination of Franklin K. Lane, of San Francisco, to be an Interstate Commerce Commissioner, forecasted a clash between the President and the Senate. Probably there will be no clash, for the Senate leaders will find (Continued on Page 4.)

RUMOR THAT OCEANIC CO. WILL CHANGE ITS FLEET

According to gossip on the steamship Sonoma during the trip from San Francisco to Honolulu, some great changes in the fleet of the Oceanic Steamship Company are impending, and one of these is the elimination of the present three vessels on the Australian run.

According to this gossip, it is said that Mr. Samuels, head man for John D. Spreckels in the Oceanic S. S. Company, has been East and purchased a vessel about the size of the Pacific Mail S. S. China, and is looking around for two other steamers similar in design, size and speed. These three steamers are expected to take the place of the steamships Sonoma, Sierra and Ventura on the San Francisco-Honolulu-Australian run.

Then it is proposed to place the Sonoma on the San Francisco-Honolulu run now held by the Alameda, the Ventura on the Tahiti run now maintained by the Mariposa and the Sierra on a new Manila route.

It is said that prospective purchasers are ready to take the Alameda and Mariposa off the hands of the Oceanic company.

This entire rearrangement of the fleet would be bringing it up to a standard of excellence which would undoubtedly give the best of results to Honolulu in the way of increasing the amount of tourist traffic to the Islands.

RAILWAYS WATCH US

They Send Men Here to Get Direct Reports.

The mainland railroads have their eyes on Hawaii and intend featuring the islands in their advertising matter, but some of them desire that the information be gained by their own representatives. E. D. Whitney, advertising man for the Michigan Central Ry., one of the roads of the New York Central system, arrived yesterday from Chicago on the Sonoma, accompanied by his family, and registered at the Hawaiian hotel. He can devote only about ten days to gathering statistics, being obliged to return on the S. S. Alameda next month.

Mr. Whitney believes in small farming and building up a community with citizens. He believes that the territorial government would do well to open up desirable lands to settlement and induce people from the farming sections of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin to come here and live upon them. Mr. Whitney is particularly interested in ascertaining whether or not the sugar plantations were or are gradually acquiring all, or the best agricultural lands. He was glad to learn that the territory is making an effort to get labor, other than Japanese, into the country.

"With the Japanese here, Hawaii has a mortgage upon her lands, and Japan holds that mortgage," said Mr. Whitney. "The Japanese do not pay out their money here. They send it back to Japan."

Mr. Whitney will have a talk with J. P. Cooke, secretary of the Board of Immigration, Land Commissioner Pratt and others concerning public lands. If the islands can offer inducements in the way of lands to prospective settlers at reasonable rates, then the advertising display in the folder of the Michigan Central Ry., will make favorable mention of the opportunities. This folder is issued monthly. A handsome booklet, issued annually by the same company, is devoted to various resorts for tourists, and Hawaii will be given space therein.

Mr. Whitney regrets that owing to his brief stay here he may be unable to visit the volcano. He was surprised to learn that Hawaii was up-to-date in so many ways, and especially to learn that for several years all the islands have been "connected" by a wireless telegraph system.

Mr. Whitney is to attend the "See America First" conference in Salt Lake next month.

RAPID TRANSIT CO. HELPS THE CARMEN

The Rapid Transit directors met on Thursday and voted the usual one per cent quarterly dividend on common stock and the three per cent semi-annual dividend, payable December 30.

The officials also directed the payment of \$250 to the benefit association of the employees of the company.

They also ratified the preliminary arrangements made between the manager and the county officials for carrying coral from the Kakaako dump to Wai'alae, Waikiki and Kahauiki, at 15 cents per cubic yard.

LAWTON ON WAY TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS.

VALLEJO, Dec. 9.—The torpedo boat destroyer Perry, Lieutenant F. N. Freeman commanding, left Mare Island today for San Francisco bay, where she will join her sister ship, the Paul Jones, and the two torpedo boat destroyers will proceed at once to San Diego, there to await the arrival of the flagship Chicago, now on a short cruise to Honolulu. Both vessels belong to the Pacific squadron, and the Perry has been undergoing repairs at Mare Island for several weeks past. Rear Admiral Goodrich recommended that they accompany his flagship to Honolulu, but the cruise was disapproved of by the Navy Department as being unnecessarily long.

The naval transport Lawton, Lieutenant Commander Charles F. Pond commanding, is also to leave for the Philippines on or about the 16th instant. She will carry a large amount of stores for the naval stations at Honolulu and Cavite, as well as supplies for the various ships of the Asiatic squadron. Large drafts of men are being sent to her steadily for transportation to the Orient, where they will be transferred to the ships on

HONOLULU'S OWN BOAT

J. A. McCandless Has a Lot of Steamer Data.

The blue-print of a steamer especially designed for the San Francisco-Honolulu carrying trade, was brought to Honolulu yesterday by J. A. McCandless, who arrived with Mrs. McCandless on the Manchuria from the Coast.

"That represents the boat which I believe would be best suited for our trade," said Mr. McCandless yesterday afternoon. "It is a boat which I believe would meet all conditions."

"But another steamship proposition has been made by a responsible concern on the Coast to build a steamer to run here. If the Honolulu folks want such a boat and will give cargo, that vessel will be built. That proposition has been referred to Honolulu people and is ahead of my own scheme."

"A vessel of this kind must be procured for the Honolulu run. The Pacific Mail steamship people and myself enjoy the most cordial and friendly relations, but I must say that intending tourists for the islands can get no satisfaction from the officials at San Francisco as to steamship accommodations. Sometimes it is almost the day of sailing before a person knows whether or not he or she is to get any sort of accommodations at all. They want the through business and overlook ours to the last moment."

"That steamship company ought to reserve about half of each ship for Honolulu-bound passengers. It would pay them I'm sure. I talked with Mr. Schwerin and other officials but was unable to change their minds on this matter."

"Then Matson has a new boat ordered which he is to place on a San Francisco-Honolulu run. No, it is not for Hilo, but for Honolulu. And I understand also that he will build still another boat for the same service."

The blue-print of the proposed Hawaiian-capitalized vessel shows plans for a boat 530 feet long and 63 feet broad, to carry 4500 tons of oil in double bottoms, including fuel oil for the steamer's consumption, or to carry 4500 tons D. W. Cargo. The vessel would have 423,890 cubic feet hold capacity. Such a vessel is designed to have a speed of sixteen knots.

Mr. McCandless found plenty of interest in Hawaii along the Coast. There are inquiries everywhere concerning the climate, accommodations, etc., and he believes that considerable tourist business will be noticed this winter.

BISHOP HAMILTON HAS ARRIVED HERE

Bishop John W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., of the Methodist Episcopal church arrived by S. S. Manchuria yesterday. He is accompanied by his wife, daughter Gertrude, niece Helene and sister-in-law, Mrs. Batelle, of Boston. The Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton are the guests of Mrs. W. L. Howard, Beretania avenue, and the other members of the party will reside at Waikiki. They are all more than delighted with Honolulu and appreciate the warm aloha reception tendered them. Last evening they attended the Christmas exercises in the First Methodist Episcopal church and the Bishop made a few remarks. He will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church next Sabbath, both morning and evening. He is a fine pulpit orator and we bespeak for him large audiences. A public reception will be tendered the Bishop, family and friends next Friday, 29th inst., in grounds of the church at which by courtesy the Hawaiian band will play.

duty there, relieving the men whose three years' service in the Far East has expired. These will be brought home on the return trip of the Lawton. First-class passenger room on the transport is very limited, and it is thought that several of the marine officers who were ordered to Mare Island to take passage for the Orient will be unable to obtain accommodations and will be forced to sail on the next transport leaving San Francisco.

Among the Lawton's cargo are included a number of Christmas boxes being sent out to men on the Asiatic station, particularly at Cavite and the ships in oriental waters. Christmas boxes for men at Guam will be sent on the Supply, which is expected to reach Mare Island any day. The Supply, which is the station ship at Guam has been ordered to this yard for docking and such repairs as are necessary.

RUSSIA MAY HAVE PLAGUE

Berlin Says That Disease Threatens—Universal Suffrage Is Not to Be Decreed

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

BERLIN, December 23.—There is danger of a great plague in Russia.

NO UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 23.—The Czar and the Cabinet have decided against universal suffrage.

SOME TRAFFIC MOVING.

The government is keeping traffic moving from St. Petersburg.

STRIKE PROSPECTS UNCERTAIN.

The situation in the interior is not well known and it is not yet determined whether the strike will be successful.

A GOOD DAY FOR COLLINS

SAN FRANCISCO, December 23.—The Collins jury has disagreed.

FAMINE IN JAPAN.

TOKIO, December 23.—There is a deplorable famine in the northeast provinces of Japan.

MINISTER TAKAHIRA WAS A MANCHURIA PASSENGER



JAPANESE MINISTER TAKAHIRA.

Minister Kogoro Takahira, Japan's diplomatic representative at Washington, and one of the Peace Commissioners at Portsmouth, passed through Honolulu yesterday on the Manchuria en route to Japan on leave of absence. During his brief stay ashore, Mr. Takahira was the guest of Consul General Miki Saito, who also departed for Japan last night.

Mr. Takahira and party, and Consul General and Mrs. Saito, accompanied by a number of friends were taken out to the Manchuria on the tug Fearless, leaving the foot of Fort Street at 5:30 p. m. The consul and wife were bedecked with leis. As the tug shoved off the consul swung his hat and called for banzais three, and they were given with a will by the assemblage of Japanese on the wharf. The consul will return in March.

Minister Takahira was met at the Manchuria by a launch with the consul and others aboard. The minister partook of luncheon at the consulate, Nuuanu street. Mr. Takahira is an extremely courteous man and discusses Japan and Korea, and the outcome of the war, but not freely.

Mr. Takahira while here stated that Japan will insist on maintaining a protectorate over Korea in spite of any efforts to oust her from that position. He is also emphatic in stating that Korea is not fit to act as an independent country. He says that the statement that the agreement between Japan and Korea was obtained by force is ridiculous. Japan will look after the interests of Korea, and particularly regarding its foreign policy and relations. Experience, he says, has shown that Korea is powerless to maintain her own independence.

As to possible exclusion of Japanese by an act of Congress from the United States, the minister states that he

does not expect such a course to be pursued, but that should the necessity arise, he would, naturally, protest against it.

Mr. Takahira states also that his country did not intend to dictate its policy to China. Japan's policy would be to maintain an equal opportunity for all nations in the Orient.

Mr. Takahira has been away from Japan for about five years.

SOME FEW BULA CARDS NOW PASS

"Yes," said Postmaster Pratt yesterday, "when the Department issued the order against the admission of improper postal cards to the mails I sent all the bula cards which came to this office to the dead-letter bureau. Some of them did not seem so bad and I consulted the Inspector about them with the result that a few are now allowed to pass. That is to say, a picture of a hula girl well covered with leis and grass-skirt may go through the mails; the other kind not. We are stopping a great many of the baser sort and passing the rest."

ADMIRAL GOODRICH SAW PELE'S FIRES

(By Wireless Telegraph.)

Gazette, Honolulu.—Admiral Goodrich and party saw the Kilauea fires by night. GEORGE R. CARTER. Hilo, Dec. 23, 1905.